

NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE DAY IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

CLEAR SKIES GREET BENNING'S SECOND DAY

Attractive Card Arranged for Today, in Which Several of the Cracks Quartered at the Track Will Appear.

Yesterday's Downpour Had No Terrors for Lovers of the Thoroughbred, and a Large Crowd Attended.

Another attractive card of six races is the offering at Benning today, the second of the spring meet. The probabilities are for clearing weather, and the talent will at least be spared the drenching downpour of yesterday, even if it is not greeted by sunshine. The first race is for mares and fillies at six furlongs, and the chances are that Mrs. Frank Foster, Alan, and Anna Daly will be in the money. The second, a half-mile dash for maidens two-year-olds, is a hard one to pick, while the third, a selling race for three-year-olds and upward, looks like a good thing for Locket, with Lord Advocate and Elnus in the money. The fourth race is also for maidens at seven furlongs, at which Will and Boston seem to have an equal chance. Ornate in the fifth, a selling race for three-year-olds and upward at six furlongs, looks good, while Imperious should run in the money. The last race is for three-year-olds and upward at a mile and forty yards. Benckart, Ben Howard, and Bon Mot in this appear to have equal chances.

Yesterday's Good Card.

Never did a race meet open under more unpropitious conditions than the Benning spring meeting, the first day of which was yesterday. Apparently the sluice gates of the heavens were thrown far and wide and a steady downpour of rain fell unceasingly until the starting hour at 3 o'clock, then there was a rift in the clouds and by 5 o'clock the sun shone fitfully through the scurrying clouds. Despite the most discouraging conditions, however, there was a fairly good crowd present and in the grandstand a goodly number of women were seated, the variegated colors of their millinery lending a bright contrast to the leaden gray horizon and the sea of mud which greeted the eye at every turn. Haley's orchestra discoursed sweet and popular melodies and went far toward enlivening the spirits of all within hearing.

The Washington Jockey Club might well feel encouraged by the support given it by Washingtonians yesterday under such trying circumstances and in return the public's confidence was amply reassured of the good faith of the club, which was fully attested by the attractive card it presented and the celebrity with which all the events were pulled off.

Old Acquaintances Renewed.

It was a typical first day crowd. Greetings warm and effusive were heard on every side, reminiscences were freely indulged in and many merry quips were exchanged, much to the delectation of those gathered about. The New Orleans regulars, who left the Crescent City on Saturday night, arrived early on the scene and were besieged by the rank and file which wintered in the North and were pried with a multitude of questions concerning the Southern floods. Of this clique was Frank Bryan the well-known turf writer connected with a metropolitan daily, who received an ovation from all in the paddock and betting ring and from the club officials as well.

Baltimore was well represented, trains from the Monumental City landing at short intervals their burden of human freight at the Benning track. Noticeable among them were "Hal" Parr, "Billy" Riggs, Wilson Levering, and Carter Bowie, members of the Elkridge Fox Hunting Club, who are prime movers in the coming five-day meet at Old Pimlico, under the auspices of the Maryland Hunt Club and Steeplechase Association. Well-known Baltimore sporting men were also much in evidence, among them Bob Forstheimer, George Baum, Cushing Barrett, Joe Oherndorf, Harry Myers, and Frank Montague.

The betting ring, as was to be expected, was the objective point of all of a speculative turn of mind and the thirty books that posted their odds for the day were kept busy receiving and cashing the bets of the surging, perspiring crowd that fought their way to their sides. The most prominent of these on the block were Sol Lichtenstein, Orlando Jones, Louis Snell, William O'Connor, Lewis Bros., C. Ulman, and L. Gilbert. On the whole the books made out well, reaping a harvest on the second race, for two-year-olds.

Lord Badge Well Liked.

The talent fared fairly well on the first race. A strong tip was out early in the day on Lord Badge, and the books were kept busy taking the Badge money. To offset this, however, Star and Garter was well liked, many placing him straight across the board. Sam Craig had a few admirers, as did McListersinger and Abola. Orloff was looked upon as a good thing for the place, and a quantity of money was down on it.

Redfern's New Toy.

To the owner, trainer, and jockey of the winner of this event went a handsome silver cup, donated by the Jockey Club. Arthur Redfern rode the winner, Badge, and was the proudest boy at the track today. He rode a beautiful race, and no trace of nervousness was apparent. It was feared since his bad shaking up at New Orleans it would take some time for him to rouse into form. Speculation was rife on the second

race, a half mile dash, for two-year-olds. Belmont's Oriza, with Tommy Burns up, was the favorite, although Hazlewood, with Redfern, was well liked. Odum, on Race King, who opened at 15 to 1, and was backed down to 10, landed the money in 52 seconds flat. Incidentally Burns denies the rumor that he is to go abroad to ride W. C. Whitely's entry for the English Derby. "Nothin' to it," says Tommy.

Bernhardt's Plucky Ride.

With the prohibitive price of 1 to 4, there were but few who had the hardihood to play Gum Honey in the two-mile steeplechase. As good as 4 to 1 could be gotten against Kate Spotswood and Gold Ray, with a few takers. At the first jump Gold Ray came a nasty cropper, and it looked at first as though Bernhardt was under him. Both scrambled to their feet, however, and the boy pluckily remounted and started in pursuit of the other two. It was a stern chase from then on for both Kate and the Ray, as Gum Honey romped home as he pleased.

Makes Good His Threat.

All interest centered in the Benning Handicap, and no sooner was the steeplechase over than a stampede for the betting ring ensued and a scene closely approximating a panic followed, so eager was the talent to get its money down in the first betting. The wise ones were loyal to Father Bill Daly, and his pair, Himself and Daly, coupled in the betting at 3 to 5, were the favorites. Ahumada was well patronized, principally because Redfern had the mount. Tugai Bey was invested in freely, as was Honolulu for the place, and in fact all of the six entries were well played. Circus worked a fast mile in the morning and this sent up his stock somewhat and many backed their information.

Father Bill amply made good his threat, for Himself was never in jeopardy, and won as he pleased in 1:15. This gallant chestnut won the same event last year in 1:14-5, with 96 pounds up, while yesterday he was weighted with an additional 18 pounds.

Two Big Fields.

The fifth race embraced a field of fifteen starters, and again Redfern's mount, Lowly, was the favorite at 8 to 5. Many bets went in on Lucky Day at 5 to 1, and well did he repay his admirers.

The sixth and last race was won by Oliver's Alado, piloted by Redfern. The big field of eleven horses ran as under one big blanket as they came down the stretch, and much bumping ensued. Miles and Carroll D. finished second, and Jockey a protest, charging Redfern with crowding him, but the charge was not sustained.

Notes of the Day.

Redfern had a field day with two firsts and a second. Maybe Father Bill Daly didn't turn the laugh on his conferees yesterday! One first, two seconds, and a third! The sage of Hartford was the happiest man in town last night.

Washington has a few women who are as bold in turf plunging as many of the sterner sex. One group kept their betting commission busy running from the betting ring to the stand, and a century note was generally the amount pooled.

One woman more enterprising than the rest volunteered to make a book on the handicap, but when the Himself money poured in so persistently she soon cried quits and sent a large commission to the ring below with which to hedge. And it was well she did.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Belmont were interested spectators, ensconced within the sheltering portals of the clubhouse. Father Bill Daly said last night: "This is but a forerunner of what I am going to do this meet. I'll make some of these alleged cracks look like selling platers."

Redfern's ride on Alado in the last race was a masterpiece. Apparently hopelessly pocketed at the head of the stretch, he shot through the ruck like a rocket and won out in a driving finish.

THE ROADWAY QUINT DOWNS THE LIGHTING CO.
The Roadway team won the first two games from the Lighting Company last night on the railway alleys.

Roadway.	1st.	2d.	3d.
Rivers	158	168	112
Shaffer	110	129	174
Neall	158	158	145
Johnson	137	143	152
J. O'Connell	214	146	123
Totals	804	749	706
Lighting Company.	1st.	2d.	3d.
Wilson	138	138	131
Haslam	176	138	137
Connors	158	174	167
Folsom	148	138	163
Holt	178	163	178
Totals	793	739	726

MASCOT CLUB WANTS VICTIMS.

The Mascot Club has organized for the season, under the management of O. C. Flynn, and would like to arrange games with teams averaging in age from 16 to 19 years. Their line-up is as follows: E. Chambers, center fielder; W. Elliott, right fielder; R. Rogers, left fielder; T. Evans, first baseman; W. Harney, second baseman; E. Ireland, shortstop; T. Billingsley, third baseman; F. Robertson, catcher; G. Gordon, pitcher.

CHAMPION GOLFER HARRY VARDON SERIOUSLY ILL.

LONDON, March 23.—Harry Vardon, the famous golfer, has ruptured a blood vessel and is lying seriously ill. He will, of course, be unable to play in the Bournemouth tournament on Thursday, and the place will be taken by "Jack" White, of Sunningdale. Herd, Braid, and Taylor will compete on Wednesday.

AUTO SHOW OPENS AND IS LARGELY ATTENDED

Fully Half a Thousand Washingtonians There.

A LONG LIST OF EXHIBITS

Smart Folks and Chauffeurs Touched Elbows at the Washington Light Infantry Armory Last Night.

Beneath the glare of a myriad of electric lights and tasteful decorations, 500 or more lovers of the automobile moved about the Washington Light Infantry Armory last night to the rhythmic strains of Haley's orchestra, the occasion being the opening of the third annual automobile show of Washington.

Every style of motor and all the little conceits that pertain thereto were carefully scanned and demonstrated.

Automobile enthusiasts, men and women, of large means touched elbows with the ubiquitous chauffeurs, the automobile seemingly leveling all distinctions and placing them on a common footing.

The inclement weather in no wise held the attendance down, as can be judged by the above figures.

The little booths containing the glistening autos had all crowded as the sightseers surged about each machine. Each auto had its champions among the crowd, who were loud in the praises of their respective favorite.

Blames the B. & O.

Much amusement was occasioned by a sign conspicuously displayed above the booth, where the exhibit was incomplete because of delay in transportation, which read: "Our cars have not arrived. Inquire of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad."

Tons of literature setting forth the virtues of each and every make of automobile on exhibit were freely distributed, and as the sightseers left the armory with their pockets bulging with their collection they were suggestive of our country cousins on a sightseeing tour.

Major R. P. Davidson is demonstrating the utility of the automobile as an artillery carriage, and his corner was liberally patronized all evening. The machine is a steam carriage, manufactured by the cadets of the Northwestern Military Academy, under the major's supervision. The machine is equipped with a ten-horse power engine and fully equipped weights 3,200 pounds. Major Davidson is accompanied by his wife and Cadet Sergeants Porter and Richardson.

The armament consists of a Colt automatic rapid-fire gun, caliber 7-mm., firing 480 shots per minute automatically as long as the trigger is held back and cartridge belts are fed. Effective firing range, 2,000 yards; smokeless powder; nickel-jacketed bullets; muzzle velocity, 2,200 feet per second. The crew is equipped with Colt army and navy revolvers and Colt automatic pistols, .38-caliber.

High-Priced Machines.

Machines of American make were exhibited ranging in price from \$550 to \$2,800, while one exhibitor claimed he was building a machine to cost \$15,000 f. o. b. factory.

Another machine which attracted many of the critics was an imported French racing car, to which was attached a tag reading "\$3,500."

The show will be open each afternoon and evening this week.

JOE GANS KNOCKS OUT JACK BENNETT IN FIFTH

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 24.—Joe Gans, champion lightweight pugilist, knocked out Jack Bennett, of McKeesport, in the fifth round last night. Gans up to the start of the fifth left Bennett dot and the fighting, then the negro started in and knocked his man down three times, the last time for the knockout.

NEW YORK WINS PLATE PRINTERS' BOWLING CONTEST

The close of the season of the Plate Printers' League finds New York easily first, Philadelphia is equally an easy second. The average to date is as follows:

New York	1st.	2d.	3d.
Philadelphia	25	14	18
St. Louis	18	18	18
Washington	19	20	20
Chicago	15	21	22
Boston	10	22	22
Totals	6,282	178	39
Lord	6,819	174	36
Hardie	6,274	174	26
Helmerichs	6,160	171	36
Orspada	6,478	166	39
O'Connor	5,939	164	36
Hess	6,240	162	39
Budke	5,199	162	32
Stanton	6,282	161	39
Lavender	6,728	160	42
Johnson	5,365	160	21
Miller	5,103	159	32
Kieslo	5,562	154	36
Helmutsh	6,010	154	29
Morrison	5,975	153	29

VIRGINIA BASEBALL LEAGUE ORGANIZED

LYNCHBURG, Va., March 24.—A baseball league was organized here last night consisting of Lynchburg, Roanoke, Danville, and Greensboro. Officers elected are Fred Harper, of Lynchburg, president; Judge A. E. King, of Roanoke, vice president; L. J. Brant, of Greensboro, secretary and treasurer, and these officers, with K. P. Battle, of Danville, and M. H. Dingee, of Lynchburg, constitute the board of directors. The season will open April 30.

SENATORS ARE SLOWLY REPORTING TO LOFTUS

Ryan and Robinson Last to Arrive—First Game With Georgetown.

One by one and two by two the players of the Washington ball team are reporting to Manager Thomas Loftus, and it is expected that by Thursday there will be enough of them here to play against the Georgetown nine, which has been organized and has practiced since the first of this month.

Jimmie Ryan, the popular center fielder, arrived here last night after a trip from Chicago. He is looking in good shape, and if appearances count for anything, he will be able to put up his same old strong game in the sun field. Shortstop Robinson, who left Kansas City several days ago, also reached the city yesterday and went directly to the Oxford Hotel and reported to his chief.

Robinson, because of the fact that he is a newcomer and an unknown quantity in these parts, was the center of attraction. Because of his wonderful physique, all eyes rested on him. He is only about five feet in height, but is solidly built, and is as strong as an ox. He is a typical looking ball player, and a great deal can be expected from him after he gets in harness.

Manager Loftus is of the opinion that he has a "brick" in Robbie, and believes that he will duplicate the performances of Yank Robinson, of the St. Louis team. The Washington Robinson is reserved and unassuming, and despite the fact that he can play rattling good ball, he has not allowed himself to acquire that champion swagger that is usually adopted by the average ball tosser.

As yet Manager Loftus has not received any word from his other proteges, but he has no fears.

The first practice game the Senators are to play is scheduled for day after tomorrow. The Blue and Gray line will play the Maryland Agricultural nine tomorrow, and open its season with the

same. No admission fee will be charged, and Manager M. J. Thompson hopes to have a great crowd.

On Thursday the Blue and Gray aggregation will endeavor to take the wind out of the Senators' sails, should there be any in them at this early stage of the game. Last year the local collegians drubbed the Senators good and hard on two occasions, and they will not be satisfied unless they duplicate that performance or lick the statesmen three times in succession this year.

Some people say that Manager Loftus has made a mistake in arranging the games with the Georgetown boys for so early in the season, because the collegians are sure to lick the Senators and "dishearten them." Manager Loftus put the game off as late as possible, but the collegians have their schedule to complete, and finish their year's studies at the college, before the Loftus organization is well on its feet.

Manager of Athletics M. J. Thompson was asked to postpone the game until later in the season, but as the Georgetown team is booked for at least four games a week, the games could not be postponed. If the Senators go down in defeat on Thursday they will have another chance to retrieve their lost laurels on Saturday, when the collegians will journey over to the American League Park once more to try their luck.

The Georgetown team is as strong as ever this year, and the boys are expected to give good accounts of themselves. The line-up of the team will probably be: Dowling, first; McGietigan, second; Dorman, shortstop; Morgan, third; Drake, right field; Keane or Simmons, center field; Will Thompson, left field; Apperious and Hart, catchers, and Joe Seitz, "Doc" Burns, and Fay as pitchers. Coach Bradley will act as much practice out of the game as possible.

SPECIAL BALL TRAIN FOR AMERICAN LEAGUE FANS

Gordon Takes Time by Forelock and Guards Against Emergency.

NEW YORK, March 24.—President Gordon, of the New York American League Club, does not propose to depend upon the surface and elevated roads to carry all the patrons who desire to witness the games at the new park. He has just made arrangements with the New York Central Railroad for a special baseball train during the season.

The train will be made up of a dozen or so coaches, and will start from downtown at Thirtieth Street and Tenth Avenue. Then it will stop at Fifty-ninth and 125th Streets. The fare will be nominal.

The rent paid by the New York club for the grounds for the first year is \$6,000, and it will increase up to \$11,000 a year.

FAT MEN MEET WATERLOO AT HANDS OF CARROLL INSTITUTE

The games between the Carroll institute and the Fat Men resulted in the Fat Men's defeat. But this will make no material difference in the championship. Summary:

Carrolls.	1st.	2d.	3d.
Gorham	173	184	183
Shitt	156	177	172
Rice	229	194	127
Cox	142	159	202
Spells	180	191	203
Totals	881	915	887
Fat Men.	1st.	2d.	3d.
Harlowe	183	168	189
Hoffman	176	192	187
Rodrick	204	183	205
Ludwig	159	180	193
Crist	148	147	171
Totals	881	900	957

Spells picked a 4-2-0 spare; Hoffman picked a 4-7-5, and Rodrick a 6-7.

COMMISSIONERS WIN FROM BUREAU TEAM

The Commissioners and Bureau teams bowled their three postponed games last night, and the result was in favor of the Commissioners.

Commissioners.	1st.	2d.	3d.
Barr	224	169	201
Nelligan	211	189	213
Smith	179	211	149
Parker	154	185	181
Meyers	205	210	206
Totals	973	964	950
Bureau.	1st.	2d.	3d.
Helmerichs	151	128	123
Hess	199	129	206
Johnson	162	146	178
Lord	179	190	178
Hardie	194	224	214
Totals	887	827	909

FIRST SQUAD SELECTED FOR YALE'S VARSITY CREW

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 24.—Capt. C. B. Waterman yesterday selected the first squad of the candidates for the Yale crew and sent them to the training table. The men selected are rowing in the following order: Stroke, Bogue; No. 7, Cross; No. 6, Judson; No. 4, Halpin; No. 3, Coffin; No. 2, Daly; bow, Waterman; substitutes, Miller, Adams, Hewitt, and McKittrick.

The new shell, which the first crew is learning to use, is rigged on an incline, and its action is consequently new to the older oarsmen, causing them extra work at present.

POSTPONE THE MEET.

The meet of the Chevy Chase Hounds, scheduled for Saturday, at Chevy Chase Circle, has been postponed until Monday, at 3 o'clock. The recent rain has made the going too heavy for the sport.

GALLAUDET COLLEGE BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Chances for Good Team Not So Bright as Last Year.

The prospects for a winning baseball team at Gallaudet College this year are not as good as they were at the beginning of last season. Messrs. Andree, Guilford, Waters, Rosson, and Lawrence, all of whom played good baseball on the team last year, are not back and will be much missed. Escherich, Neesman, and McDonough will probably do all of the pitching this year. Hunter, Cooler, and Mennier, all last year's regulars, and Ryan and Peyton, two very promising new men, will occupy the infield positions. The outfield positions will be occupied by two of the aforesaid pitchers not at the time on the rubber, and either Leitch, Hughes, or Horton.

The athletic association is short of funds, and was, therefore, unable to make a heavy schedule, but the games which have been arranged are as follows:

March 28, Business High School of Washington at Kendall Green; April 1, Business High School at Kendall Green; April 4, United States Marines at Kendall Green; April 7, Syracuse University at Kendall Green; April 10, Central High School of Washington at Kendall Green; April 18, Episcopal High School at Alexandria, Va.; April 20, Technical High School at Kendall Green; April 21, Central High School at Kendall Green; April 25, Maryland Athletic Club at Baltimore city; April 29, Villanova College at Kendall Green; May 2, Fredericksburg College at Fredericksburg, Va.; May 5, Central High School at Kendall Green; May 9, Fredericksburg College at Kendall Green; May 13, Technical High School at Kendall Green; May 16, St. John's College at Annapolis; May 20, Georgetown University at Georgetown; May 23, Villanova College at Philadelphia; May 30, Columbian University at Kendall Green.

YOSEMITE ATHLETIC CLUB IS AFTER THE BIG FIGHT

Californians Want Corbett and Jeffries to Fight Out There.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—The Yosemite Athletic Club will outfit Padgy Carroll for the Jeffries-Corbett fight and will offer a purse which they hope will be large enough to secure the bout for next August.

The officers of the club have made application to the authorities for a permit to hold the bout and are confident the permit will be granted. The Grand Army of the Republic will hold its annual encampment in San Francisco in August, and a big crowd is expected.

Jeffries and Rublin drew a \$31,000 house at the Yosemite Athletic Club, and it is predicted Corbett and Jeffries will be able to double this.

The club is expected to make known its offer in a few days.

BAD ROADS IMPERIL RURAL FREE DELIVERY

A circular has been sent out stating the difficulties rural free delivery is encountering because of the bad roads in many sections of the country. It is pointed out that the applications for the service which are turned down each day on account of bad roads is rapidly increasing. Friends of the system fear it will not be long before the number of rejected routes will affect so many people that the comparatively few communities which have the free delivery will be snowed under and the cry of favoritism raised with the result that Congress will do away with the entire scheme.

This, possibly, is urged as an argument for the improvement of roads both by the counties and States, and for the active participation of the Government in the work.

ATTACKS VALIDITY OF COMPANY'S CHARTER

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 24.—Vetted in a damage suit for \$10,000 lies a question that involves the right of the Louisville Railroad Company to operate in Louisville. The petition attacks the validity of the charter of the company. Judge O'Doherty, attorney for the plaintiff, expects a demurrer, and if sustained, will carry the case to the court of appeals. It is alleged that the company's charter expired in 1901. The question has never been settled.

GAMES WANTED BY THE RISING SAND-LOT PLAYERS

The Tanglewood Athletic Club's baseball team, which proved a strong aggregation last year, has been organized for the season of 1903 and would like to arrange games with all teams in the city whose players' ages do not exceed seventeen years. Challenges may be sent to John Bayly, 2501 Pennsylvania Avenue northwest, or to Richard McAlahan, 1302 F Street northwest.

MARBLE CUTTER'S FORTUNE

TO PAY FOR HIS STATUS
READING, Pa., March 24.—Thomas Smith, for many years a slate and marble cutter in this city, died today and left an odd will, drawn up last Saturday. It directs that after the funeral and other expenses are paid and all debts satisfied, all his personal and real property, valued at \$8,000, shall be sold, the proceeds to be used to erect a monument over his grave. He directs that a statue of a man five feet high shall be erected thereon.

YOUNG CORBETT SAYS HE IS IN RARE FORM

Thinks He Will Make Better Showing Than Ever With McGovern.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—"I've been training six weeks now for my fight with McGovern," said Young Corbett, "and I tell you I feel it. There will be a different Corbett in the ring than there was when I fought Hanlon."

Corbett appears to be in splendid condition. His skin has a healthy color and his eye is bright and keen. He is still a little over weight, but will have no trouble getting down to 127 pounds at 3 o'clock on the day of the fight.

Corbett was visited yesterday by his father, Peter Rothwell, who has come from Denver to see the contest.